

The Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers
May 18, 2011

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers was conducted May 18, 2011, at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Granville Smith, Chairman
Melanie Abner, Secretary
Dr. Kevin Stallard

Occupations and Professions Staff Present

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator
Shannon Tivitt, Executive Director

Others Present

J. Michael West, Board Counsel/ Assistant Attorney General
Byron Brentlinger, Ophthalmic Inspector
Curt Duff, SDOK

Members Absent

Dr. John Gleason
Charlotte Whittaker

Call to Order

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Chairman Smith informed the Board that he had received Dr. Gleason's resignation letter from Ms. Lane and the Board would be receiving a new member once the Governor's Office appointed someone.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 2011 meeting as presented. Dr. Stallard seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of 2010 Financial Statements

Chairman Smith asked about the four thousand dollar settlement the Board had received and asked why it was not on the Financial Statement. Ms. Tivitt explained that the payment was received after the statement was printed out. The settlement will show up on the next meetings financial statement. The Board approved the financial statement.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Shannon Tivitt introduced herself to the Board. She explained that an audit had just been completed on another Board that the Office of Occupations and Professions provides services to and some policy and procedure changes would be taking place with all Boards.

Ms. Tivitt explained that some reductions would be taking place with the Board's budget including the contract with the Board's Inspector. Chairman Smith expressed his concern with cutting the Inspector's contract by five percent and feels it's a huge disservice to the

Board and its licensees. If Mr. Brentlinger's contract is not signed and completed by July 1, 2011, Ms. Tivitt will see what the next step is.

Ms. Tivitt also told the Board that the office would soon be working with a new database. Mr. Brentlinger asked if this new database could provide the business name and address of the licensee. He explained when doing inspections this would help him locate people and work better when in certain areas of the state.

Board Counsel Report

Assistant Attorney General, Michael West reported that he had received the Agreed Order along with a four thousand dollar fine payment from National Vision and the Board approved that agreement. The Board also approved the Agreed Order that was received from Luxotica. Luxotica will submit their two thousand dollar fine payment to the Board. Sears Optical in Owensboro is still pending.

Ophthalmic Inspector Report

Mr. Brentlinger reported all stores he visited were in compliance. PUT WHAT STORES HE WENT TO.....

Proposal from SDOK

Curt Duff spoke in the May meeting about the possibility of using electronic scanning to check people into meetings with SDOK. He hopes this would replace having to submit continuing education paperwork from each licensee and SDOK would send Ms. Lane a listing of who actually attended the classes. This would also cut down on licensees using someone else's paperwork and they would be held accountable for attending the appropriate number of hours. Mr. Duff explained that Ms. Lane could request the electronic list from SDOK right before renewal period each year. Dr. Stallard made a motion to accept this proposal. Ms. Abner seconded that motion and it carried.

Licensure Status Report

The Licensure Status Report showed there are currently 213 active Apprentice Ophthalmic Dispensers, and 650 Ophthalmic Dispensers. There are currently 207 Inactive Ophthalmic Dispensers.

Approval of Apprentice Applications

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the following applicants for apprentice ophthalmic dispenser licenses:

1. Leigha C. Phelps – Lenscrafters, Florence
2. Jennifer R. Smith – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Paris
3. Jessica D. Shelton – Lenscrafters, Louisville
4. Taylor D. Johnson – Lenscrafters, Lexington
5. Shannon D. Branham – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Hazard
6. David E. Smith – 20/20 Eye Care, Shepherdsville

The motion, seconded by Dr. Stallard, carried

Additional Business

Chairman Smith reported the NCSORB National test was administered and has been accepted in the state of Arkansas.

Attorney West informed the Board that the Executive Branch Boards and Commissions personnel will be conducting Ethics Training. The Board is welcome to request a session. It will be held during a meeting and will take about fifteen minutes.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

Dr. Stallard made a motion to approve travel and per diem for the members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Ms. Abner, carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Having no further business to bring before the board, Dr. Stallard made a motion to adjourn at 11:05 am. The motion, seconded by Ms. Abner, carried.



Granville Smith, Chairman